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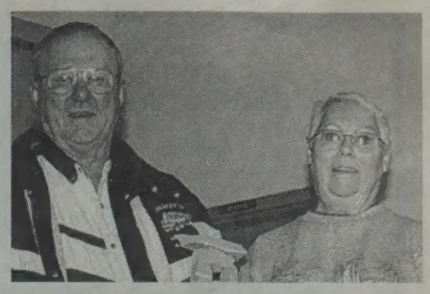

Heinsburg honors community boosters

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A magical night for Extravaganza 2001

Friday was a perfect night for the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce to host their annual Christmas Extravaganza. Newly fallen snow, a nip in the air, and the odd fluffy flake drifting down made downtown Elk Point into a giant Christmas card scene for the evening.

Horse-drawn wagons laden with gleeful children circled through the area all evening, with the Elk Point Baptist Church Youth Group collecting fares from older riders and assisting with loading and unloading. Jolly old Santa Claus took the first ride around the circuit before settling down at Danin Office Supplies to have his photo taken with a long line of youngsters and one adorable dog. Kuhn's Kollectibles donated film, camera and use of Santa's handsome throne for the evening photo session, with proceeds going to Santas Anonymous.

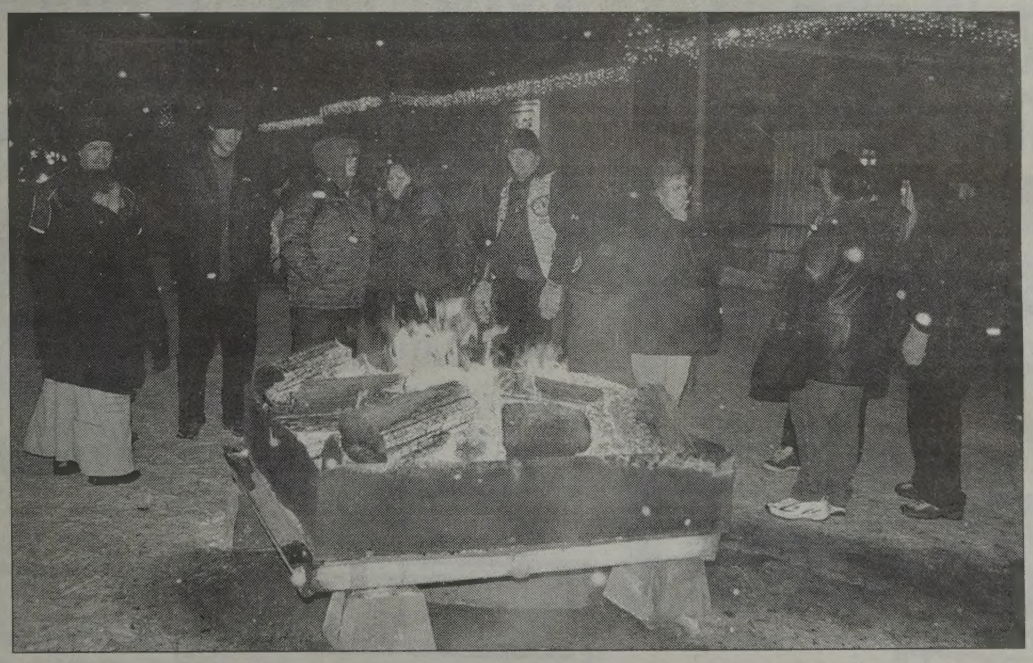
The traditional bonfire blazed at the corner of Main Street and 49th Avenue, with many shoppers pausing to visit with the members of the Fire Department who were on hand to keep an expert eye on the fire. The Town of Elk Point kindly donated the firewood, and set up the fire pit for the occasion.

Near the fire was a lineup of snowmobiles, ranging from a tiny Kitty Cat to full sized machines, with representatives of the Elk Point Trail Riders on hand to sell memberships. Mayor Lyle Frisby was the lucky winner of their draw for a snowmobile helmet.

Elk Point and District Lions Club was kept busy taking names for their Community Christmas Card and selling hot-off-the-press Lions Club calendars, right next door to Elk Point Minor Hockey, who had a very successful Hockey Shootout (story, Page 7).

The Servus Credit Union lobby was bustling all evening, as Thinga-ma-Jobs, a group sponsored by Junior Achievement and Alberta Treasury Branch, and made up of students from F. G. Miller High School's Enterprise and Innovation class, sold hot dogs and dispensed free hot chocolate.

Elk Point Friends of the Library moved their Silent Auction to the Plaza 75 Mall for the evening to gather up a few last bids. The Animal Shelter and Adoption Society for St. Paul and Area set up shop there as well, offering pet gifts for sale, while Paul Chamberland displayed his finely crafted woodwork.



Wagon Rides and Bonfire Visiting

in downtown Elk Point were both part of the Christmas Extravaganza on Friday evening. Above, teamster Clem Corbiere gives a few words of encouragement to his team. Corbiere and Antoine Tremblay entertained young and old with wagon rides throughout the evening. At left, friends and neighbors chat around the cheerful bonfire while fluffy snowflakes flutter down on the festive scene.
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■ Up Front

Many winners in Christmas Extravaganza contests

The main focus of the evening, of course, was shopping, with stores well filled and lineups at jingling cash registers. Also jingling were the bells carried by the Chamber's Mystery Shopper, who visited businesses to hand out $30 gift certificates to lucky shoppers. Winners were: Ace Pizza - Jeff Orr; Kelly's Closet - Lois Yaremkevich; Stedmans - Corey Williams; Kuhn's Kollectibles - Ray and Lorraine Danyluk; Northbound 41 - Joan Bauman; Tags Food & Gas - Rick Fillion; Elk Point Co-op - Michelle Zarowny; Buds 'n Branches - Ann Berg; Woody's Trophy & Gifts - Lori Kadutski; Cal's Home Hardware - Chuck Frisby; Elk Point Review - Thelma Turnbull; Capitol Drugs - April Paley; Vincent Building Supplies - Juanita Buck; Footprints - Mike and Lana MacDonald; K & N Liquor Store - Dwayne Yaremkevich; Empress Restaurant - Kelly Rinas and Jeannene Ference; New Image Hair Design - Gary Suvak; Home Town Grocers - Kelsey Cardinal; Magic Pizza - Lawrence and Maureen Ference; Danin Office Supplies - Brenda Carlson; Point 41 Pub - Brent Naherny.

No results have been received regarding the lucky numbers printed on the Extravaganza flyers, but a number of shoppers capped off the evening by exchanging their Extravaganza Bingo cards at Northbound 41 for major prize draw slips. Winning $100 in Elk Point Bucks apiece were Donna Bassett, Lilian McLaughlin, Elaine Kalynchuk, Angelina Christensen and Val Seabourne.

The longest list of winners came from the Spin-to-Win wheel hosted by the Elk Point Co-op, with proceeds earmarked for Santas Anonymous. The Spin-to-Win was a popular spot all evening, with lengthy lineups waiting to take their turn at the prize-laden wheel. Along with the instant wins, many spaces earned contestants draw tickets for the major prizes, which were drawn for at the conclusion of Extravaganza. Sponsors and winners were:

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community NEWS

Ten years of Crusader craft shows and book fairs

By Denise Bjorkman
F. G. Miller High School

The Crusader Craft Show and Book Fair was certainly the place to begin celebrating the Christmas season. On November 24, 2001 the gym was all decked out with crafters and home businesses ready to greet the holiday shoppers. This was also our 10th anniversary for the event, so it was special all around.

Congratulations to Mrs. Gulayec for again doing a tremendous job with all the planning, promotion and organizing for the event.

Special thanks to all the crafters and our shoppers for making the event a success. Our crafters/home businesses were: Connie Landsiedel, Doris Osinchuk, Debbie Gulayec, Crystal Jacobson, Susan Grekul, Rae Anne Kolosinski, the Catholic Women's League, Laura Diesel, Carol and Ray Hellquist, Irene Crews, Dennis Zacharuk, Cheri Lindquist, Donna Gulayec, and Denise Bjorkman (With Eileen Skog, Joan Tauber, Bev Bespalko and Jean Smereka), and the French Club. Thanks to Vicki Brooker for covering the event.

The Scholastic Book Fair sold $2175.23 worth of books. From this, the library gained $583.27 worth of books and materials and still took $315.26 cash from the event. This cash will be used to order books throughout the year from the monthly Scholastic Arrow book order forms. So, in essence, all the monies help build our library collection. Congratulations to Brittany McKay on winning the $25 worth of free books for herself and her teacher, Mrs. Holota.

There are some really special people who helped the book fair run smoothly. They are: Carol Lee, our Tuesday parent volunteer, who helped set up the fair in the library, Elaine Bjorkman, who acted as main cashier for the Saturday event, and the following students for helping to move tables (with books) into the gym on Friday after school: Travis Lindquist, Jordan Cousins, Tyson Slywka, Brett Lindquist, Kelsey Lindquist and Kirsty Lindquist. There were also all those students who moved all the tables from rooms and back again. Special thanks to the 9C Physical Education Class for taking care of the library tables.

See you next year at the 11th Annual Crusader Craft Sale and Book Fair!

SEASONAL SMILERS -- This happy crew of snowpeople is all set for winter, after the Crusader Craft Fair.

PRODUCTIVE CRAFTER Carol Hellquist was one of the busy home-based entrepreneurs who took part in the Crusader Craft Fair.

LRHA kicks off Christmas Campaign fundraiser

SMOKY LAKE - The Lakeland Regional Health Authority is kicking off its Christmas Campaign to raise additional revenue for the purchase of minor equipment and/or patient/resident comfort items.

This campaign allows individuals to purchase a paper Christmas ornament to be hung on trees located in facilities throughout the Lakeland Health Region - health centres, health units and regional clinics. A $5 donation will allow for the contributor's name to be identified on the ornament and placed on the tree in the facility.

"Individuals contributing to our Christmas Campaign can be assured that their donations will enhance health services provided within their local community," says Pearl Babiuk, Lakeland CEO.

The Campaign will run from November 19, 2001 until January 15, 2002, inclusive.

Community Health Council #4 names a new chairman

On October 25, 2001 Community Health Council #4 elected retired Major Delano Tolley as chairman, succeeding Geoffrey Haiden of Bonnyville. Major Tolley, a cattle rancher from Cherry Grove, is no stranger to community service. He is currently president of the Cherry Grove Recreation and Agricultural Society, a past director of the Cherry Grove Family History Centre and a past board member of Lakeland Regional Health Authority.

Community Health Councils were legislated by the Province to serve as a primary source of input on health issues. They seek advice and options from the public and communicate directly to the Regional Health Authority through the Council Chair. As an advisory body, the Community Health Councils are influential in identifying local health needs and priorities, and providing a community perspective on health.

The Community Health Councils in Lakeland are always seeking members. If you are interested in joining a Community Health Council in your area, please contact Fern Mulytk at Lakeland Regional Health Authority at 1-800-815-8683 for more information.

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Petrovera Open House
on proposed oil development plan for the Ross Lake Area

Petrovera has proposed development plans for reduced spacing, new drilling and production operations in Township 56, Range 4 West of the Fourth Meridian, adjacent to Ross Lake.

Frog Lake Community Hall
December 12, 2001
3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Petrovera extends an invitation to all residents, landowners, and affected parties to drop by for coffee and donuts to share information regarding the proposed development with Petrovera staff.

PETROVERA

review VIEWPOINTS

DECK THE TREE WITH WOVEN GRAIN - Many beautiful examples of the grain-weaving art were displayed on this tree at the F. G. Miller Craft Sale and Book Fair.

Thanks, shoppers!

The throngs of happy shoppers who flocked into Elk Point's stores during last Friday's Extravaganza were a welcome sight to local merchants, whose friendly service and good selection of merchandise all too often are passed up in favor of a shopping trip to a larger center.

Perhaps it's this year's tighter purse strings, or the snow and ice on the roads, but it seemed like a lot of people were getting right down to the business of Christmas shopping, while the kids were out riding the horse-drawn wagons and taking their best shots in the hockey shoot-out.

Thanks, everyone, for shopping at home first.

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■ Seasonal Solutions

Holiday food pressures: a better way to 'just say no'

By Carol Moro
Take Off Pounds Sensibly

If you're trying to improve your diet (and who isn't?), the coming holidays require a bit of advance strategy. The social situations you'll face in the next few weeks can challenge your sensible eating plan.

Influences on our eating behavior span history and culture. In times past, sharing a meal with someone had more symbolic and practical significance than it usually does today. Yet some attitudes still linger, even as times change. When people around you consider meal-sharing to be a significant act, you must recognize the emotional facets of this belief.

For instance, some hosts might become offended if you don't eat as much as they think you should. They may take this as a sign that you're not fully participating in their ritual.

You can't change everyone's attitude overnight, but you needn't cave in to these pressures, either. To defuse the situation, you must let them know that you appreciate what they're offering, even if you don't eat what they're urging you to.

A polite "no" is sometimes all that's necessary to decline someone's offer of food. But if that person persists, follow this formula to come up with a reply that's firmer and more insistent.

1. Start with a polite opening that focuses on the other person's behavior. By giving a compliment, you change the tone of the conversation. It's no longer a power struggle, it's a discussion of how much you appreciate the thought behind their offer.

2. Give a brief, logical reason. Let the listener know that you're comfortable with your own standards of behavior. Keep this portion to a minimum, because it's not a matter that's open to debate.

3. Conclude with a polite closing that invites the other person to help you stick to your guns. By asking for help in this matter, you let others show their affection in a way that doesn't violate the integrity of your nutrition plan.

For example: The hostess urges you to take a second helping of cake, noting, "I made it especially for tonight. You can't say no to another piece. After all, you look so thin already. Having extra dessert this one time isn't going to kill you."

You could answer: "You're such a great cook. You always go out of your way to make everything just right. It's nice of you to be so generous. But ever since I started eating healthier, I feel so much better that I just can't go back to my old habits. You've always been so supportive that I know you'll understand this time."

This approach lets the other person know that you appreciate what they've done, even if you don't want the food they're offering at the moment. Use your own words, and be sincere in your compliments. You just might lessen the pressure from others who have different standards about eating for the sake of hospitality.

■ From the FCSS Desk

It is the season to be...

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Yes, the winter season has definitely arrived since the snow has fallen. Now we know it is winter time. It really is a very beautiful time of the year with everything dressed in white. With the winter season and snow on the ground comes the time for concern regarding driving conditions on our roads. So it is logical that the Canada Safety Council has declared December 1 through 7, National Safe Driving Week. How are you all doing with your winter driving skills?

Let me ask you a "slick question." Question: "Why is ice so slippery?" Here is an answer from Science Trivia, by Charles Cazeau. Answer: "Ice has several unusual properties, one of them being that it melts when subjected to pressure. Your foot on ice is such pressure, and a film of melted ice - water- reduces the amount of friction, and thus sliding can occur." Therefore, it really is your car tire's fault that your vehicle slides on the ice. After all, it melted the ice and reduced the friction, and thus your car started to slide. So how does a driver deal with this problem? Go into a spin? Confuse your tires and steer the opposite. Start sliding - now what? Again you need to confuse your tires and take your foot off the breaks. The one thing you don't want to do is to tell y our tires to continue to slide.

OK, all you winter drivers out there - is the above information correct? I'll let you think about it. Anyway, it was fun blaming the tires for causing the ice to be slippery.

About winter, Charlotte in Charlotte's Web is quoted as saying" "Winter will pass, the days will lengthen, the ice will melt in the pasture pond. The song sparrow will return and sing, the frogs will awake, the warm wind will blow again. All these sights and sounds and smells will be yours to enjoy, Wilbur - this lovely world, these precious days." Yes, winter is here and these are precious days to enjoy. Driving conditions may change because of winter as previously referred to, but we will adjust, and being who we are, we will be able to deal with it, and yes, driving safely on our winter roads.

Winter also brings its own recreation on and with snow. Making snowmen and throwing snowballs, or the winter games such as fox and geese can be enjoyed. Snowmobilers have fun driving on the snow-covered fields of white. Then there are those who choose to walk on skis or snowshoes. And of course, there is ice for skating and playing hockey or curling.

Besides all the recreation, winter also brings the very much commercialized Christmas season. Be careful! A word to the wise: "Be focused, spend your money wisely, eat healthy, get enough rest, and don't overcommit your time and energy." In other words, "Look after yourself!" Let us put Christ back into Christmas and remember it is a time to be thankful for His birth and what He did for us. This is a Christian day of remembrance and let us not apologize. Some advertisers are referring to it as "holiday shopping." Why? My guess is that they want to include all religions and they want to tell all of us to buy, buy and buy! Oh my... do be careful. Let us take time to remember what is important during these days of "It is the season to be...." and let us have fun and enjoy our winter days, as precious days, just like Charlotte said.

community NEWS

HOT CHOCOLATE HITS THE SPOT on a winter evening. Cole Dustow (above) and Cole May (not shown) were among the F. G. Miller students who served up chocolate and hot dogs to Extravaganza shoppers.

Extravaganza scrapbook 2001

A look at faces and places as Elk Point kicks off the Christmas season

EVERYONE AND THEIR DOG came out to see Santa on Friday night, when he visited Danin Office Supplies for a photo session which raised over $80 for Santas Anonymous.

SPECKLES, the Alberta Treasury Branch save-a-saurus, was a big hit with the youngsters in downtown Elk Point on Friday evening.

Thanks from COPS

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Elk Point Citizens on Patrol Society (EPCOPS), we would like at this time to extend sincere thanks to the Elk Point Review for publishing the updates I have been writing for our group periodically.

I had the opportunity to attend a COPS Provincial Workshop in September in Blairmore. At that time I had the chance to discuss with members of groups from other towns different things that can be done to make the community aware of the COPS program. A couple of the other communities mentioned that their local papers do not allow them to submit updates like we have been able to do. I want to commend you on your community focus and for allowing our group the added exposure and awareness we have received. It is often things like this that we take for granted and seldom take the time to realize how valuable a service they are.

We continue to do patrols of the community on a regular basis and are a very active group. Our main focus is to deter crimes in the community such as break and enters, theft and vandalism. In doing so we believe we are making Elk Point a better and safer community to live in and to do business in. If you would like to get involved with our group or have any questions or comments about Citizens On Patrol please give me a call at 724- 1911.

I would also like to take this time, on behalf of all of our members, to wish everyone in the community and surrounding area a safe and happy holiday season. This is always a time of many Christmas parties and get-togethers, Please take the time to think of yourself, your family and other people in the community before you get behind the wheel of a vehicle if you find yourself overwhelmed with Christmas spirits. Drinking and driving is not worth it and can change the lives of many. Remember, you are not only risking your life, but the lives of others.

Have a most wonderful Christmas and warmest wishes in the New Year.

Thomas Kondla
President
Elk Point COPS

NOTICE of By-Election

Town of Elk Point

Notice is hereby given that a By-Election will be held for the filling of the following offices:

Councillor — 1 Vacancy

Voting will take place on the 17th day of December, 2001 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Voting station will be located at:
Town of Elk Point Council Chambers
4910 - 50 Avenue, Elk Point, AB

Dated at the Town of Elk Point in the Province of Alberta this 21st day of November, 2001.

Myron J. Goyan
Returning Officer

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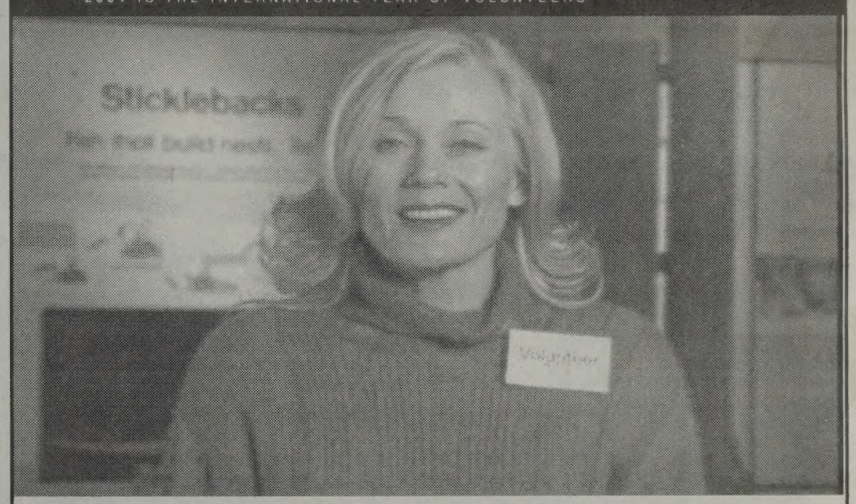

"Working in the corporate jungle from 9 to 5 can really take its toll. I rely on my volunteer time to keep me focused."

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2001 International Year of Volunteers

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community NEWS

Sharkeys honored at annual Heinsburg Craft Sale

"Babe" and Colleen Sharkey may not be driving up to the doors of Heinsburg Community School each day with a busload of students, but they still are steadfast boosters of their local school and community. This support was recognized at Saturday's annual Heinsburg Craft Show, which this year was dedicated to the now-retired couple.

Heinsburg Community School principal Lorne Young emphasized that the honor went to "the two of them, not to Sharkey's Bus Service," Instead, he noted, "it's for their many years of service to the school and all they've done for us. It has nothing to do with busing."

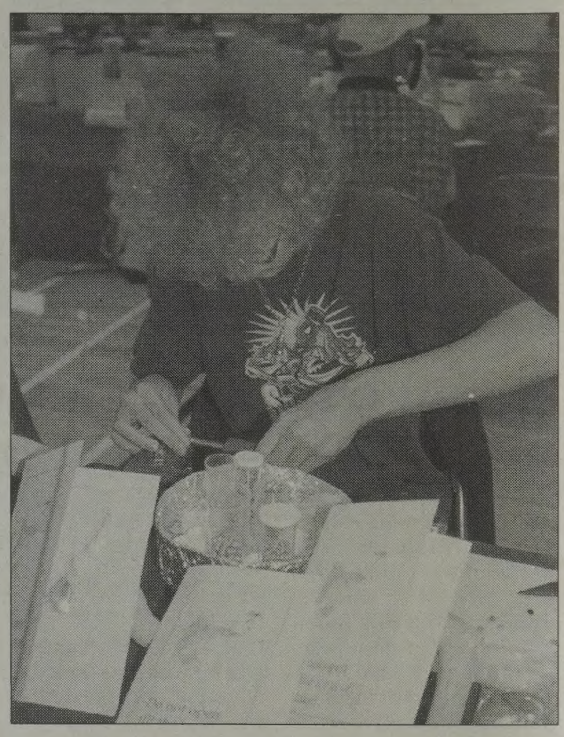
A section of the school's display case was also devoted to an array of stories and memorabilia pertaining to Mr. and Mrs. Sharkey.

The couple were presented with a garden stone bearing the words, "Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows."

The dedication was made during another very successful craft show, with a capacity crowd of vendors on hand and crowds of shoppers cruising the aisles all day in search of everything from home baking to woodworking and water conditioners, handcrafted albums to afghans to original artwork.

Heinsburg Seniors were kept busy serving up lunch just across the hall from the sale to shoppers needing a break from their search for that "just perfect" Christmas gift.

VERNON "BABE" AND COLLEEN SHARKEY were recognized for their ongoing support of Heinsburg CommunitySchool. Marie Zayac, right, presented the Sharkeys with a unique stepping stone for their yard.



FISH HOOKS MADE TO ORDER - Danny Anderson of Clandonald offered a unique gift suggestion at Heinsburg's Craft Sale. He creates one-of-a-kind fish hooks to each customer's order.

Beautiful Babies of the Year

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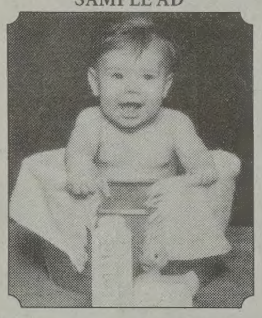

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ELK POINT ELEMENTARY STUDENTS sent 82 boxes filled with love to Operation Christmas Child. Two students from each class gathered for this photo with the paper tree on which every ornament represents a gift sent to a less fortunate child overseas. School librarian Lorraine Makowecki organized the project in the school, and feels it went well, although donations were down from 2000.

Pioneer Circle bingo

November 19, 2001

Cecile Demers $10, Barbara Roy $10, Alex Smereka $10, Lena Stepa $15, Sam Barstad $15, Lynne Boyko $45, Louise Popiel $30, Florence Demchuk $15, Vi Lillemoen $15, Elsie Oryschuk $64, Roseline McCarthy $15, Adella Jennissen $15, Lillian Ewasiuk $15, Bill Chomlak $68, Myles Deschamps $30, Debbie Orr $10, Doris Stanley $10, Mary Habiak $30, Mary Saddleback $30, Anna Cardinal $30, Brenda Fayant $15, Nicole Benson $15, Mary McGillvary $30, Lila Smith $50, Mary Bespalko $34, Lance Stanley $82, Viola Yarmuch $50, Helen Gulayec $49, Sue Lokken $49, Mildred Boyko $43, Louis Lumley $22, Lucy Smereka $22, Lloyd Gladue $22, M. Stanley $22, Rose Cardinal $43.

November 26, 2001

Donna Kondro $53, Andrea Stanley $30, Emma Cardinal $8, Kevin McQuinn $8, Brenda Diesel $8, Rocky Mason $8, Ken Morin $30, Ruby Lajimodiere $30, Arthur Stanley $30, Ed Piotrowski $40, Lila Smith $10, Alphonse Amahoose $20, James Paul $30, Marshel Pelech $10, Shirley Crooker $10, Ann Piotrowski $60, Ann Zayac $15, Mark Stanley $30, Bernice Bykowsky $15, Orest Boyko $30, Richard Tchiskin $91, Caroline Shankowski $54, Don Aulotte $36, Cecile Demers $720, Lillian Ewasiuk $175, Doris Stanley $23, Sandra Fryingpan $47, Brenda Fayant $47, Robert Bespalko $47, Tracy Moosewah $23, Sam Barstad $23, Beverly Bespalko $100, Helen Trach $100.

community NEWS

Midget Girls Storm still undefeated

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

It was another busy weekend for Elk Point's minor hockey teams.

The tiny Tykes, also known as the **Tornadoes**, played at home against Dewberry on Saturday morning, doubling them in score 10 to 5. Two goals by Trevor Ballas, and Wyatt Dewan, Tyson Moneta and Jamison Wozniak with hat tricks. Assisting on the goal scorers in last week's game were Vital Quinney, Andrew Jenner, Sheldon Jurak, Dustin Demers and Justin Leippi.

The **Atom Avalanche** were pumped and ready for Goodfish in their second meeting of the season, winning 7 to 4. Finding the twine, Mike Marianchuk, Kameren Ballas and Ryan Marceniuk with singles, Ian Jurak with two and defenceman Jordan "Krank" Krankowski with his wicked slapshot, with two more. Look out when Jordan "kranks" one, because it can really hurt if it catches you in the ankle! Also, special mention for the fine work by forwards Amanda Marianchuk and Warren Jurak for their hard back checking, and Cody Ironeagle getting his first assist.

The **Dewberry Elk Point Bantams** had a horrible weekend in the St. Paul tournament. Not only did they take a spanking in all three games from St. Paul, Vegreville and Red Deer, they lost one of their team leaders, Jason Kalynchuk, who will be out for six to eight weeks with a broken arm. The only bright spot was Cliffton Michaud with his first two goals of the season, scoring against Red Deer.

After losing to this team last weekend in the Vermilion tournament, the **Novice Hurricanes** stole two points off Mannville, right in Mannville on Saturday, winning a close one 2 to 1. Brendan Bishop scoring the first one, assisted by Dylon Loughran, "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas getting the winner, Chad Nauss assisting, and Jordyn Wozniak doing a super job of minding the cage.

The **Midget Girls Storm** with their undefeated record on the line, took to the ice on Sunday at home against St. Paul, in a very close, entertaining game that ended in an 8-all tie. Brookelyn Blacklock with two, Sheena Flamand with a hat trick, Alyssa Fry a single, and Kali Cousins with two, including the tying goal with 1:35 left in the third to keep the girls' undefeated record alive, now at seven games. A good game for defencewoman Megan Proskiw with four assists.

The **Elk Point Dewberry Peewee Avalanche** played at home, facing the furthest team in the league from the south, Macklin. After 40 minutes with the game tied at one goal each, the floodgates opened, and the Avalanche exploded with six goals in the third, winning 7-1. Brett Gadwa and Mitch Walker with two each, singles by Dan Blacklock, Royal Bristow, and scoring his first goal, Jordan Giesbrecht. Assisting on the goals, Ryan MacDonald and Craig Dallaire with two, Tyler Loughran, Kody Wickham and Dan Blacklock.

The K. A. Campbell trivia question: Can you name all six of the Sutter brothers who played in the NHL?

Shootout a huge success

Elk Point Minor Hockey hosted their first ever Christmas Extravaganza Hockey Shootout on Friday night, with excellent response. A total of 104 shooters took aim at the shootout board, with successful entrants qualifying for three prize draws and those whose aim was a little off receiving a can of pop and a snack.

A $50 gift certificate from Woody's Trophy and Video Point went to Megan Proskiw, no surprise since she is a talented member of the Midget Girls Storm and well experienced with a hockey stick.

Richy McKay won an Oilers hat, while Riel Lowry won a $25 gift certificate from Cal's Home Hardware.

Gillian Cousins of Elk Point Minor Hockey said the shootout "went really well," and may well be repeated at future Extravaganzas.

Elks lose a 9-8 squeaker to Marwayne Comets

Elk Point Elks got off to a good start Friday night when Marwayne Comets came to town, taking a three-goal lead in the first period. Lawren Wowk scored two of the three, assisted by Kerry Loughran in the first and Brian Poitras in both. Henry Cardinal also hit the mark in the first 20 minutes, with assists by Ferlin Quinney and Cory Laboucane.

The Elks extended their lead to five goals early in the second, Laboucane scoring unassisted and Wowk completing his hat trick with the help of Blair Halfe. However, at that point, Marwayne had taken enough indignity and released a volley of goals that tied the score in just over seven minutes. Two goals from Chad McDougall, both assisted by Tyson Weighill, two unassisted goals by Greg Nohnychuk, and a single by Rick Biensch put the Comets back in the game. Blair Halfe, assisted by Laboucane and Aaron Aarbo, brought the Elks back in front by the end of the period.

Two Marwayne goals less than a minute apart, by Mike Saunders, assisted by Mike Dugan, and Jordy Boutillier unassisted, brought the visitors into the lead early in the period. They were answered by two more from the Elks, Laboucane scoring off assists by Halfe and goalie Roger Demoissac, and Ferlin Quinney assisted by team captain Sheldon Espetveidt. Comet Mike Saunders scored his second of the period, assisted by Frank Tremmel, to tie things up again with 1:31 left on the clock.

Only 19 seconds remained in regulation time when Glen Martinke fired a parting shot off assists by Chad McDougall and Tyson Weighill to give the Comets the win.

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■ A Glance Back

From the ironing board

By Irene Magnusson
Review Contributor

One in a series of vintage stories by local author Irene Magnusson

Standing here, smoothing out the very few pieces I find in my ironing basket, collected over several weeks until I have enough to bother heating the iron, it's easy to recall the mountains of ironing of bygone years. Two days a week, and often long evenings, too, I spent at the ironing board when my children were all at home and in school.

No stranger to ironing when we started housekeeping on our won, I, as eldest girl in a family of 13, had ironed blisters onto my hands for years.

Would you believe, the heaviest demand on my ironing and pressing skills were made by my older brothers - "How can I go girling with my pants not pressed? and "Get my white shirt ironed for the dance tonight, eh?" And of course, for my heroes, I did it.

As I got into my teens, I'd make mean trades — like "No more pressing if you don't dance with me!" A terrible burden for a brother to do, but that didn't last too long. I soon had lots of boys asking me for dances; no need for brothers to save me from being a 'wallflower.'

But — oh! the heat! You stood there, shoving wood into the range with every change of iron, to keep them properly heated, even in midsummer, sweat pouring down your back and off your nose to drip on the board before you.

In those days I favored a folded blanket and sheet on the big kitchen table. You could get up some speed that way. I probably inherited that quirk from my Mom. Dad had made her a fold-up ironing board once, and it was OK for small things, like baby dresses and ruffles, but she soon banished it to an upstairs closet, as being too 'piddly.'

Irons came in sets of three. We had a fancy wrought-iron stand for the flatiron to rest on as we arranged our work, and we always kept an old catalogue under it to 'test' on — if the paper turned brown the clothes probably would too. So we pressed with a damp cloth when the iron was too hot, until it cooled a bit. That didn't take long!

One picked the iron (actual name - sad-iron - and I know why!) off the range with the interchangeable handle, which had a knob-lift lever, or a thumb-push lever, depending on which kind one had. This was usually quite efficient, but occasionally one got a poor one — or perhaps long use weakened the spring — and it was always a surprise when the hot iron fell off halfway to the table. You could really jump fast to get your feet out of the way, and to get it up again before it burned a fancy pattern on the floor. Of course our olden days floor was wood, not linoleum, so that scorched slower.

Irons were made to remove wrinkles from cotton, wool, silk and linen, and later, rayon. They succeeded in putting wrinkles into a lot of female faces, too. At home, my mother, with her brood, cut corners.

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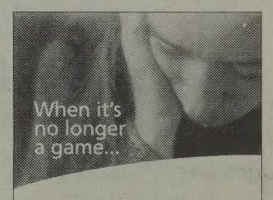

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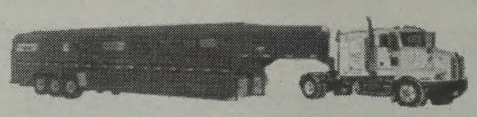
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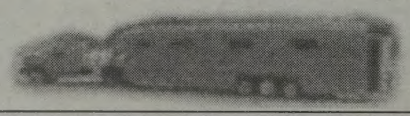

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Bidding is now complete and we will be phoning the successful bidders in the next few days to pick up their merchandise. Thanks, everyone, for making our first ever Silent Auction a success.

Also thanks to the volunteers who helped us by manning the tables at the mall and by helping to pack and transport the auction items to and from the mall.

New Books

It's great weather to curl up with a good book, and we have something on our shelves for everyone's taste. The new arrivals are always coming in and in warmer weather when garden and outdoor chores beckon, we just don't have time to sit down and enjoy reading. Now's the time to get caught up on all the books that have arrived over the summer and fall!

Arthur M. Greely's **September Song** fits right in with the Sixties exhibit currently on at the Provincial Museum. The family whose adventures and misadventures you've enjoyed in **A Midwin-ter's Tale, A Christmas Wedding** and all the others in the captivating series, are caught up in the throes of Watergate and the Viet Nam War in this novel which brings back memories of that tumultuous decade.

Seniors Tea today!

The final Seniors Tea of 2001 goes this afternoon at 2 p.m. You are invited to drop in and enjoy our pre-Christmas goodies and good conversation.

■ Faith

"The Light of the World!"

By Pastor Dick Upham
Elk Point Christian Community Church

It's a dull, grey, cold day in late November, a few flakes of powdery snow come driving in on an east wind and even the horses look as if they have given up on life as they stand all dejected and forlorn under the bush. As I look out of my window at a world that seems almost dead, I think of all the signs that seem to suggest the Creator has abandoned His creation. As I contemplate the gloom I am reminded yet again of 9-11-01 and all that evil day did to destroy our complacency here in North America. A complacency, born, not of anything or anyone that we can put our ultimate trust in, neither a complacency born of our misguided trust in economic power, wealth and scientific achievement. And now what? Once again we are plunged into the darkness of war, albeit, possibly a justifiable war. For a moment, only a moment, thank God! I'm tempted to despair. My despondency has to be short lived because shining above all earthly gloom and through the grey clouds of November's despairing demise is the sure and certain knowledge that next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, the promise that the Creator has not forgotten His creation and that He has come to bring light into every dark corner of the world in the person of Jesus Christ.

Advent, variously described by my Longman's Family Dictionary as (a) a four week season leading up to Christmas; (b) the coming of Christ to earth as a human being; (c) a coming into being - the arrival of Spring. In all three of those definitions there is light in abundance to be shed abroad in all human hearts. Four weeks to prepare for Christmas? No wonder December is the busiest month of the year. So much to do and so little time to do it. The house to decorate, presents to be bought (if funds allow), food to prepare, lights to be fitted inside and out, concerts and carol festivals to attend and over and above all this bustle the children and their celebrations at school and at church. Finally, the birth of Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords to celebrate. The darkness is dispersed, the greyness and gloom of winter, the hopelessness of a world which seems somehow to have lost its way down a dark path of despair and destruction is no longer the main item. Suddenly we are surrounded by the light of the love of God, the light of the world is come, if we cannot see that light, we are of all creation most blind.

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Action for Health grants

By Joseline Gionet
Staff Writer

Twenty-one projects in the Lakeland Regional Health Authority have been approved for Action for Health funding.

The total funding for these programs comes to $33,604 and include projects on nutrition for the region, parenting, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, heart and stroke and health awareness.

This is the second round of grant applications, there are applications taken and money given out around April of every year as well.

"We find that we get more applications and diversity in April," says Betty Gray, action for health administrative assistant.

The entire Lakeland Health Authority Region will be working on a nutrition month campaign during March of 2002. The total grant for that program is $13,705.

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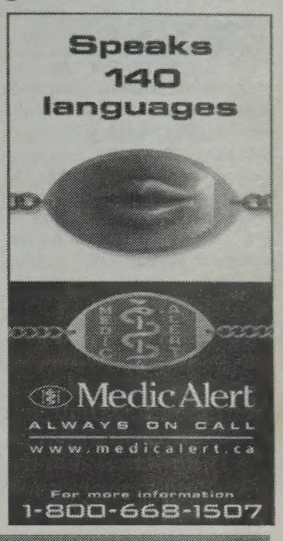

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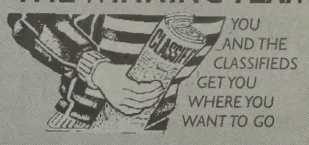

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From the ironing board

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We didn't iron sheets, underwear or nightwear. We didn't press knitted garments, socks or towels. There were plenty of dresses, shirts, petticoats, aprons, etc., to iron, with pants, shirts and suits to press. I gladly went along with her rules.

Then I went and got married. In the homes of my mother-in-law and sister-in-law I saw them iron sheets, shorts, towels, stiffly starch the shirts, dresses, aprons, table linens, pillow slips. Aha! I thought. Now I'll learn the PROPER way to be a good housekeeper - a very important attribute for a girl in those days.

I watched them press sweaters, woolen underwear, socks, blankets. They even pressed the blue jeans! Could I do less and be acceptable? Of course not.

So I ironed. Endlessly, unremittingly, painfully. As my children appeared, I ironed their gowns, their barrow-coats, their bellybands. I pressed their jackets and booties, ironed rompers and multi-frilled dresses, tiny overalls, bonnets. Ah, my kids were neat when we went to town! I didn't get much else done — but then I hadn't much else to do besides the housework, except carrying in the wood and water and a few barn chores and in summer the garden, of course.

So I ironed. And I sang while I ironed. I even learned to prop a book on the window ledge and read while I did the 'flat' stuff, if the children were content, or I told long-winded made-up stories to the children at my feet to distract them from crying or fussing for my arms and my lap, so often unavailable to them.

About 15 years after we were married my husband bought me a Coleman gas iron. This was a self-contained beast; you filled a little tank with hi-test gasoline, then pumped like crazy with its little pump, to attain a good pressure, then lit the thing, standing well back in case of a flare-up. It had a generator, a little tube, which could and did get clogged with soot and rubbish from somewhere (I always suspected the gas had dirt in it), when it would go out or flare up alarmingly, and you had to shut it off and clean the generator or get a new one. I kept a gallon jug of hi-test gasoline on the back porch. It's a wonder we didn't blow our heads off!

I liked the Coleman iron, as I could let the fire go out on hot summer days, and I could use the coolest part of the house to work in. It maintained a more constant heat, when it was working properly, so I could do a better job. But it was heavy and awkward, with that tank on the back, and I soon noticed that I was always ending up my ironing day with a roaring, nauseous headache, which I finally traced and had to blame on some fumes or emissions from the burning gas.

Even with open windows I still suffered. A breeze or draft would cause the gas to flame up and singe your hand, too, and the handle paint soon became blistered and rough. My hands did, too.

I was glad enough to graduate to an electric iron, a steam iron at that, when the power finally came to our farm. No more sprinkling all those clothes the night before ironing day and rolling them up into tight rolls to dampen evenly. No more black mildew spots when the dampened clothes didn't get ironed for a few days, as happens now and then.

But much, much gladder am I for the wonderful labor-saving fabrics of today! Happy for the frilled and pleated garments which go straight from dryer to hanger, the creases which stay in the pants, the fluffy that stays in the towels. The few odd pieces, of part cotton or wool, which I still 'touch up' with my iron are no chore, and merely give me pause to think up long stories like this one, of days gone by. Science has given me time to write them down.

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Residents provide input on proposed Koch development

Koch Petroleum Canada L.P. (Koch) held an open house on November 15 in Ardmore to discuss its proposed "Reduced Well Spacing Project" with local residents from the Ardmore /Bonnyville region.

Approximately 80 residents, many of whom were landowners. visited the forum throughout the day and early evening. Discussions ranged from the application process itself to potential local impacts such as increased road traffic, noise and environmental stewardship.

The well-attended open house continues an extensive public consultation process surrounding Koch's reduced well spacing application to the Alberta Energy Utilities Board (EUB). Koch hopes to attain approval from both local residents and the EUB to increase its well density in the Ardmore area. The existing Ardmore project is based on 40 acre spacing of development wells. However, given the thickness of the oil reservoir, Koch hopes to get approval to drill wells using 10 acre spacing - allowing them to maximize the recovery of oil and also gain access to multi-zone potential with slant wells.

"This was an excellent opportunity to hear what local residents thought about the project and the feedback was excellent," said Anthony Polini, Senior Landman for Koch. Koch's representatives at the event assured residents that both employees and contractors would comply with environmental, health and safety regulations and perform their operations in accordance with Koch's very high standards.

Many residents who attended the event wanted to learn more about the economic implications of the development such as business and employment opportunities. Mr. Polini commented that Koch's objective is that operations will benefit the local economy through enhanced employment and contracting opportunities.

"Trucking will follow the routes to be determined in consultation with landowners and the municipal government and we will adhere to the EUB's noise directive, and comply with the requirements of the EUB, Alberta Environment and Alberta Sustainable Development regarding site maintenance, abandonment and reclamation," said Polini. "More importantly however, we will continue to seek the input of local residents and government leading up to a decision from the EUB."

Koch is employing a variety of consultation tools to continually solicit and gauge feedback from stakeholders. Steps to be taken by Koch will include an advertising; personal visits with residents and landowners and open houses.

"Our goal is to advise, listen and work with the community," said Polini of the consultation process, which includes working with all of the stakeholders including local landowners, residents, regulatory bodies and the municipality. "This was an excellent opportunity for people to express their questions and interests about the project and it won't be the last."

Koch Petroleum Canada Ltd. has operated in the East-Central area of Alberta since the mid-1980's and the Koch group of companies have been active in Western Canada since the late 1950's.

Canadian growers need access to the latest crop protection technologies

Ottawa, Ontario: The Canadian Horticultural Council (CHC) unveiled its landmark document, Crop Protection - A Better Future for Canada, November 26 on Parliament Hill. Growers from across Canada are in Ottawa, urging the federal government to make critically-needed changes to Canada's approval system for pest management technologies.

To remain competitive Canadian growers need access to reduced-risk pesticides that have been registered in the United States. Without access to innovations in pest management, growers are prevented from implementing the best possible production practices and competing on an equal footing with other jurisdictions. Integrating the latest products will improve environmental, human and economic health for Canadian consumers and growers, and ensure a better future for Canadian agriculture.

"Canadian growers are doing a good job of producing high quality, safe produce for Canadian consumers," stated Dean Thomson, Chair of the Crop, Plant Protection and Environment Committee of the CHC, "and we can do even better. But we need to ensure that the system we have in place will give us access to the tools already approved for use in other countries." Thomson grows apples in St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, Québec.

"Trade is already harmonized between Canada and the United States.

Horticultural products move freely across borders," noted Penny Gambell, President of the Council and a tree fruit grower in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. "We need the registration process for crop protection tools to be harmonized so that newer, safer products are submitted, evaluated and registered in both countries at the same time. Currently the process is not harmonized completely. We're suggesting ways to do that while protecting the high standards we have in Canada."

Environmentally sound technologies are being developed rapidly, and Canadian growers are eager to embrace them. "For Canadian agriculture to be sustainable in the future, government must adopt policies that are in the best interest of Canadians and promote the economic viability of the sector," added Gambell.

The Canadian Horticultural Council is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization representing more than 20,000 horticultural producers across Canada. The CHC's members are involved in the production, packing and processing of over 120 horticultural crops comprised of fruits, vegetables, flowers and ornamental plants.

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